

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 669

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cadet Colonel Adam T. Smith, upon his winning the Civil Air Patrol's General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue the State's time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP); and

WHEREAS, one such noble citizen is Cadet Colonel Adam T. Smith of the 189<sup>th</sup> Lewis County Cadet Squadron, who was recently awarded the CAP's General Carl A. Spaatz Award, the first ever for his unit; and

WHEREAS, the highest cadet honor earned by only two tenths of one percent of CAP members, the Spaatz Award recognizes cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, in order to earn this award, Cadet Colonel Smith had to progress through sixteen achievements over the course of five years, as outlined by the CAP Cadet Program, and undergo a rigorous four-part exam consisting of a challenging physical fitness test, an essay exam testing moral reasoning, a comprehensive written exam on leadership, and a comprehensive written exam on aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the CAP Cadet program trains volunteers to perform homeland security, disaster relief, and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies, and has been providing this service since 1941; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the 189<sup>th</sup> Lewis County Cadet Squadron nearly since its inception in 2004, and Cadet Colonel Smith's service has been characterized by his initiative, determination, enthusiasm for volunteerism, and his inspiring encouragement and mentoring of his fellow cadets; and

WHEREAS, a very ambitious and driven young man, he also traveled to Hong Kong as part of the International Air Cadet Exchange Program, received his private pilot license through the Tennessee Aeronautical Commission's flight scholarship program, and plans to pursue a flight career as he enters his third year of college at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, where he is majoring in Aeronautical Science; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Colonel Smith owes his success to the love and support of his family and friends, many of whom were present when he accepted his award at the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency facility on August 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Colonel Smith epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Cadet Colonel Adam Smith, for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Cadet Colonel Adam T. Smith upon winning the Civil Air Patrol's General Carl A. Spaatz Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.